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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The Japanese fleet has captured the Russian cruiser Varigi ,besides seven other vessels. —— Stockholders of the S. A. L. have ratified the loan of $5,000,000. —— Banking firm of Luhrman & Son, Bremen, has failed. —— Conditions are rapidly improving in Baltimore; owners of burned buildings are anxious to get to work removing the debris. —— President Roosevelt has been invited to attend May 13th next the celebration of the first landing of the English at Jamestown, Va. —— The bank at Dunn, N C, has closed its doors on account of a run by depositors. —— Japanese have captured three Russian transports with about 2,000 troops. —— Report of the destruction of the Russian cruisers Varigi and Korlets is confirmed. —— A summary of Russian losses in the first twenty-four hours of the war with Japan shows ten Russian warships placed out of action and the Japanese did not lose a ship. —— President Roosevelt has decided to issue a proclamation of neutrality. —— Bridge on the Manchurian railway blown up and thirty men killed. —— Great Britain will issue proclamation of neutrality. —— Newspapers in St. Petersburg printed extras claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1¼@2 per cent; closing bid 1¼ per cent.; cotton nominal 14 25c; flour firmer and held higher for choice grades; wheat—spot firmer; No. 2 red 97c; corn—spot steady; No. 2, 59½c; rosin easy; spirits turpentine easy at 66½c.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 10.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 33 degrees; 8 P. M., 30 degrees: maximum, 39 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees; mean, 34 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .35; rainfall since first of the month to date, .76 inch.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—For North Carolina: Partly cloudy; rain or snow on the coast, with high north winds; continued cold; fair Friday.

Port Almanac---February 11.

Sun Rises	6.53 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.36 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport.	4.45 A. M.
High Water Wilmington.	7.15 A. M.

We know not where the war will end,
Nor what the future holds in store;
But to the Czar this message send:
Keep all your ships close to the shore!

There is now talk of a rose trust, but thank goodness, there never can be any trust in girls. Now some old discarded bachelor will agree to that the wrong way.

Says the Durham *Herald*: "Heaven seems very high above us. But a little child can reach it by tip-toeing." Brother Robinson, how did you come to get w-a-y down there?

It is said that King Alphonso of Spain wants to butt in among our beauties and is seeking an American wife. Perhaps this is where he and Dear Gaston would neither stand back for the other.

The faithful in Ohio are still in a frenzy about the proposition to place Gen. Robert E. Lee's statue in statuary hall in the Capitol at Washington. We youngters have been told that the war ended at Appomattox, but probably the Ohioans haven't found it out yet.

Scores of American nurses are leaving New York for the Far East to render service in the war between Russia and Japan. To fall into the hands of a tidy, pretty American nurse will make a soldier feel like he's had some luck in getting shot.

The Durham *Herald* says this: "Perhaps Mr. Simmons thinks that when a man gets what he wants it is time to quit playing politics." Mr. Simmons' intention to vote for the ratifications of the Panama canal treaty shows that he can tell when a question is political and when it is not.

The Congress of the United States spends annually $6,350,000 and the various States and Territories an additional amount of over $4,500,000, showing that this country expends $10,750,000 a year to encourage agriculture. Whether that vast amount is put to the most practical use is another question.

The Willard Hotel Company, of Washington, D. C., has been sued by a plaintiff for $10,000 damages for the loss of two toes in an elevator accident. This makes the price of toes $5,000 each, but we agree they are worth it, for a fellow needs all ten of them when his wife takes it into her head to make him toe the mark.

The STAR very heartily endorsed Senator Simmons' speech in behalf of ratification of the Panama canal treaty. At Greensboro a few nights ago the Young Men's Business Association did the same because of "the importance to North Carolina and the South, of an inter-oceanic canal, and that it is now necessary for a speedy realization of the same."

LOCAL DOTS.

— Col. Walker Taylor has an important notice to the insuring public in another column of to-day's paper.

— On account of the inclement weather, the flag raising by the Jr. O. U. A. M. on Masonboro will not take place to-day as appointed. The postponed date will be announced Sunday.

— On the local market yesterday spirits turpentine advanced to 63c. and rosin was firm at $3.60. There was "nothing doing" in cotton. Receipts 186 bales against 287 same day last year.

— The Bankers' championship team was defeated by the A. C. L. in the Pastime Bowling Alley contest last night—score 2,148 to 2,109. Saturday night the A. C. L. and Capt. Davis' teams will play.

— Owing to the inclement weather no services will be held at Bladen Street M. E. church to-night or to-morrow night. Rev. E. O. Watson, of Spartanburg, S. C., will preach Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

— At a meeting of the New Hanover County Medical Society in the Mayor's office to-night, Dr. W. J. H. Bellamy, the president, will deliver an address upon the history of the medical profession in Wilmington during the past 50 years.

— Steamer "George Farwell," 784 tons, Capt. Dillon, and schooner "Eva A. Danenhower," lumber laden from Georgetown bound north, put in for harbor at Southport yesterday. Schooner "Wm. H. Bailey," Norfolk to Georgetown, arrived off the bar, also for harbor.

— Company 19, Coast Artillery, arrived yesterday afternoon over the Seaboard Air Line and went down to Fort Caswell on the steamer "Wilmington" immediately upon arrival. Capt. Robinson, in command, was accompanied by his wife and child.

— The cab of engine No. 204, an A. C. L. trailer, which brought in the passenger train from the North Tuesday evening, was badly damaged by fire during the night. The engine was in the round house and the fire started from some waste. The watchman discovered it and soon had it extinguished.

THE HOWARD RELIEF COMPANY.

Forty-eighth Annual Ball Magnificent Success Last Night in New Club House.

The forty-eighth anniversary ball of the Howard Relief Company, given last night in its handsome club house at northeast corner of Front and Orange streets, was a magnificent affair in spite of the most unfavorable weather. The ball room was artistically decorated and brilliantly lighted, the club colors prevailing at every point of vantage. Excellent music was furnished by Hollowbush's Orchestra and Mr. C. F. Will Rehder was the capable floor manager. A large number of couples participated in the dancing festivities while others indulged themselves in many other happy diversions made possible by the splendid appointments of the club. A sumptuous repast, the menu embracing the delicacies of the season, was served near the midnight hour.

All possible credit is due the committee which arranged the celebration and which is composed as follows: Messrs. J. W. H. Fuchs, C. F. W. Rehder, F. A. Biesinger, Henry Habernicht, F. W. Ortmann, Jr., Geo. Schnibben and J. D. Doscher, Jr.

DISSOLVED THE INJUNCTION.

Shell Fish Commissioner of Brunswick May Collect Tax on Clams—Appeal.

Judge Ferguson heard in chambers last night and dissolved the injunction recently granted here, restraining Shell Fish Commissioner L. C. Tripp, of Brunswick county, from the collection from Brooks & Taylor, of this city, the tax of three cents per bushel on all clams they shipped from that territory. The hearing was set before Judge Prebler, holding court at Lumberton, but owing to the presence of smallpox there, the argument was heard here. Russell & Gore represented Brooks & Taylor and Messrs. Cranmer & Davis, of Southport, were here to present the case for the shell fish commissioner. Mr. Gore, for the plaintiff, appealed the case to the Supreme Court. The authority for the collection of the tax is given in a special act by the last Legislature, the constitutionality of which is attacked by the plaintiff.

Married Last Evening.

At the home of Mr. James D. Mote, No. 902 North Fourth street, at 9 o'clock last night, Rev. A. D. McClure joined in marriage Mrs. Winnie R. Murray and Mr. Nathan Murray. The ages of the bride and groom, 56 and 55 years respectively, had an element of unusual interest in the ceremony for many friends who were present to witness the nuptials. After the ceremony a sumptuous wedding supper was served.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Walker Taylor—To our patrons.
J. M. Hall-Are your lungs worth 50c?
Smith-Davis Co—Fertilizer materials

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Your Neighbor—Has a range.
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Washington Bread at Farris'; 30 loaves for $1.00, 3½cts. per loaf, 3 loaves for 10cts. If its not as good or better than any bread sold in the city we will refund your money. 'Phone 636. No. 109 South Front street.

DAY'S COURT RECORD

Progress Was Slow Yesterday With Trial of the Law and Order League Cases.

THE GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

Rather Sensational Recommendations Are Made—True Bill for Arson Against George Judge--Divorce Granted to Mrs. Brown.

All of yesterday's session of the Superior Court was taken up with a trial of a third of the Law and Order League cases and the selection of a jury for the trial of a fourth which will be entered upon first thing this morning at 9:30 o'clock. The usual strong array of legal talent on both sides of the cases is in evidence and in the only case tried yesterday, the jury is still out and unable to agree upon a verdict. The case is one in which Kate Jenkins is charged with selling liquor on Sunday and it was completed at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The jury retired to make up its verdict at that hour but is still in the Court House, where it will remain until the opening of court this morning. Members of the jury are as follows: E. Y. Davis, F. D. Capps, A. J. Barbour, G. H. Savage, Henry Rehder, E. M. Rogers, G. W. Rogers, T. B. Casteen, H. H. Woebse, J. R. Mahoney, Liston Larkins and Alva Ward.

Immediately upon the completion of the trial above, the case of Lola Harris, also charged with selling liquor on Sunday, was called. Two hours was consumed in the selection of a jury which was finally empanelled at 6:30 o'clock as follows: J. D. Sidbury, W. S. Register, Carl Mugge, W. A. Rankin, W. S. Craig, Jr., J. H. Aman, Tobe Howard, J. L. Russ, H. W. Penny, E. L. Davis, L. C. Sutton and Geo. H. Hutaff. The jury was charged not to talk of the case or allow it to be discussed in the presence of any member, after which a recess was taken until to-day.

TRUE BILL AGAINST JUDGE.

During the forenoon, the grand jury came into court and returned a true bill for arson against George Judge, who has fled the city. The specific charge in the bill of indictment is setting fire to the residence of Dr. J. H. Durham, in the Smith building on Dec. 26th. It is said that Judge has gone to Colorado.

DIVORCE FOR MRS. BROWN.

During the day Brooke G. Empie, Esq., secured a divorce for Mrs. Mary Brown from her husband. William Brown, the grounds having been abandonment. It was Mrs. Brown who recently resorted to habeas corpus proceedings for possession of her infant and who created a scene in the court room at her joy upon the restoration of the child.

GRAND JURY'S REPORT.

The grand jury completed its work during the day and made to the court the following somewhat sensational report:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 10, 1904.

To His Honor, Judge Garland S. Ferguson:

The grand jury begs leave to make the following report: There were seven presentments and we returned true bills in each case. We have not visited the jail, county home or inspected the Court House, having been instructed by your Honor that it was unnecessary, as the previous grand jury two weeks ago had performed this duty.

The matter of renting houses to disreputable characters for the purpose of conducting bawdy houses has been called to our attention. Our information is that there are a number of houses rented to both white and colored women. We respectfully recommend that this subject be investigated thoroughly and impartially and that a complete list of owners of such properties be prepared as a basis for indictment in case it is found that the practice of renting or leasing such properties is followed unlawfully.

We further wish to criticise what we understand to be the present practice of granting license to run so called boarding houses to persons whose notorious reputation and previous history would furnish substantial foundation for the belief that said licenses were sought not for the purpose of running bona fide boarding houses but rather for the purpose of keeping bawdy houses.

R. E. SMITH, Foreman.
J. F. WHITAKER, Secretary.

MAYOR HAD ALREADY ACTED.

In connection with the recommendations of the jury, it will be of interest to the public to know that as far back as January, Mayor Springer instructed the City Clerk and Treasurer to issue no more licenses of the kind complained of and that the mayor's orders in that respect have been complied with.

WILMINGTON MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

Important Gathering of Methodists in Grace M. E. Church Past Two Days.

The Missionary Institute of the Wilmington District, M. E. church, which has been in session two days in Grace church, this city, adjourned yesterday after a series of interesting and profitable sessions. Rev. R B. John, of Wilmington, presided, and Rev. A. S. Barnes, of Whiteville, was secretary. Mr. J. N. Gibbons was elected missionary campaigner for the ensuing conference year. Mission's subjects were discussed with much interest and profit at all the sessions.

Among the ministers in attendance were all Wilmington pastors and Revs. W. E. Brown, of Elizabethtown; A. J. Groves, of Bladen circuit; Euclid McWhorter, of Southport; W. D. Sasser, of Kenansville; J. T. Draper, of Whiteville; C. C. Brothers, of Burgaw; Y. E. Wright, of Scott's Hill; A. S. Barnes, of Clinton; V. A. Royall, of Jacksonville and Richlands.

COAST LINE TRACKMEN THREATEN A BIG STRIKE.

International Brotherhood of Maintenance Way Employes Call Their Men Out To-day at Noon--Orders Issued.

Sensational rumors of a strike of far-reaching proportions by Atlantic Coast Line trackmen of the entire system were rife in the city yesterday as the result of the promulgation of a statement issued to the public by Mr. T. D. Bostick, of Florida, secretary of a committee of employes which has been negotiating with the railroad officials for some time with reference to an increase of wages and a change in the regulations governing the work. The statement is as follows:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

"WILMINGTON, N.C., Feb. 10, 1904.

"We, the Committee representing the Maintenance of Way Employes, of the A. C. L. Ry. have been since the 21st of January trying to effect an amicable adjustment of the employes' differences with the company's officials, but to our disappointment we have failed.

"We have offered to submit our differences to arbitration but the answer of the officials has been, there is nothing to arbitrate. We hold written instructions from at least 95 per cent. of employes in this department to secure a settlement of their differences or order a suspension of work. After using every means in our power to effec at satisfactory settlement, and failing, we have decided to order a suspension of work. In consideration however of the rights and safety of the travelling public, we decided that the suspension of work should not become effective until noon, Feb. 11th.

"All members of the I. B. of M. W. E. are earnestly requested to refrain from saying or doing anything that would reflect discredit upon them or cause any honest thinking persons to withhold their support while we are struggling with a large corporation to secure a just share of the wealth we help to create. J. E. BLIZZARD, Chm'n.

T. D. BOSTICK, Sec'y.

Messrs. Blizzard and Bostick are in the city and said yesterday that the call for a strike had been issued Tuesday, Feb. 9th, from the headquarters of the Brotherhood in St. Louis by President John T. Wilson and that the order for a suspension of work would call out between 4,000 and 5,000 men as bridge builders, section foremen and hands, members of the construction, fuel and water supply departments and all other allied branches of labor; that while all are not members of the I. B. of M. W. E., the written consent of nearly all to walk out upon a refusal of their demands has been secured and the men were only waiting for the orders when they reached them yesterday.

A detailed account of the grievances could not be given by Mr. Bostick. He said they were first submitted by the committee to General Manager Jno. R. Kenly and were later taken up with President R. G. Erwin, by correspondence to New York. Still later the matter was referred to President Wilson, of the I. B. of M. W. E. in St. Louis and he took the matter up again with President Erwin with no result.

It is said that the Atlantic Coast Line officials do not view the situation with alarm. General Manager Kenly told the committee at the outset that the men were receiving as much for their services as was being paid by any other Southern road for similar services; that it had always been the Coast Line's policy to treat its employes with the utmost consideration in the matter of wages, but in the instance complained of, he saw no way of granting their request.

The outcome of the strike will be watched with interest. The committee of employes who have had the matter up with the officials are J. E. Blizzard, of Macbeth, S. C.; J. D. Bostick, of Lake Mary, Fla.; N. Y. Roberson, of Norfolk, Va.; W. H. Wiggs, of Kenly, N. C.; T. W. Godbold, of Ridgeland, S. C.; C. W. Williams, Savannah; M. M. Knight, of Ousley, Ga.; G. P. Kellum, of Thomasville, Ga.; C. D. Buffkin, of Blackshear, Ga.; M. H. Jones, of Brockton, Ala., and R. K. Wagner, of High Springs, Fla.

Two Marriages Yesterday.

Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, yesterday afternoon and evening joined in marriage Miss Irene Moore and Mr. Gaston O. White, both of Grit, Pender county, and Miss Ida Lorena Meeks and Mr. George Nicholas Ormsby, both of Wilmington. The first named ceremony took place at 2:30 o'clock at the residence of Mr. J. E. Wilkerson, No. 714 North Fourth street, and the last named at 7 o'clock at the residence of Mr. Joe Webb, No. 911 South Third street. The attendants at the Meeks-Ormsby nuptials were Miss Mary Meeks and Mr. C. Ormsby and Miss Gertrude Ormsby and Mr. Joe Cavanaugh.

Rain, Snow and Sleet.

A most disagreeable admixture of hominy snow, sleet and rain commenced to fall in Wilmington shortly before 6 o'clock yesterday evening, making the atmosphere most disagreeable until late in the night. The sidewalks were slippery and walking was almost out of the question. The freeze also interfered greatly with the operation of the trolley cars and contributed everything else possible to make life disagreeable out of doors.

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AGREEMENT REACHED

Adjustment of Differences With Crate Manufacturers by the Truckers Yesterday.

MEETING IN WILMINGTON.

Certain Concessions Granted Which Will Inure to Benefit of All—Inter-State Commerce Commission Act Endorsed by the Association.

The amicable adjustment of differences between representatives of the organization of crate manufacturers in North Carolina and the special committee from the East Carolina Fruit and Truck Growers' Association, as reached at Warsaw Tuesday, became public and was ratified at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the latter body here yesterday. The meeting was held at 11 o'clock in the office of the Association in the Masonic Temple, Vice President Wm. E. Springer, of Wilmington, presiding, in the absence of President W. L. Hill, who was detained at his home in Warsaw on account of illness in his family. Mr. H. T. Bauman, secretary of the Board, kept a record of the proceedings and the following members were noted in attendance, viz: Messrs. J. A. Westbrook, Mount Olive; I. L. Faison, of Faison; D. W. Fussell, of Rose Hill; J. S. Westbrook, of Wallace; J. H. Moore, of Burgaw; Dr. E Porter, of Rocky Point; W. E. Thigpen, of Chadbourn; Dr. Geo. F. Lucas, of Currie, and S. H. Strange, of Fayetteville. There was also present a delegation of Mt. Tabor truckers, who came to lodge a complaint which was agreeably found to be remedied in the committee's report.

After disposing of routine business, a resolution was unanimously adopted endorsing the Quarles-Cooper bill now pending in Congress and having for its purpose the restoration and enlargement of the powers of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and calling upon North Carolina's representatives in Congress to vote for the measure or to give some reason why they refuse. The report of the special committee in reference to the conference with the crate manufacturers was then read by Secretary Bauman as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN: We your committee appointed at the last meeting of the Board to ascertain the fact of a combination of the crate manufacturers of North Carolina, and the probable results and make a special report to this Board on the 10th inst, respectfully submit the following report:

Your committee invited the following gentlemen composing the officers and Board of Directors of the Carolina Fruit Package Co., viz Messrs. T. B. Peirce, of Warsaw, president; A. F. Johnson, of Clinton, vice president; W. R. Newbury, of Magnolia, secretary; J. A. Brown, of Chadbourn, director, to meet them at Warsaw, Feb. 9th, for a conference on this subject, and Messrs. Peirce, Johnson, of Clinton, Johnson, of Burgaw, Newbury, of Magnolia, and O. P. Middleton, of Warsaw, general manager, were present at this meeting with the full executive committee and Mr. Bauman, business agent of the Association, in attendance. The meeting was duly organized and your committee asked the president, of the Carolina Fruit Package Co., Mr. Pierce, to define the attitude of his company toward the growers. Mr. Pelrce submitted the following statement as to their position and earnestly spoke in favor of their organization as tending to benefit the growers by maintaining the price throughout the season and a guarantee of a full supply of crates at all points:

To the Truckers and Berry Growers of North Carolina:

In reply to many criticisms which have been made through the press and otherwise upon the organization and anticipated methods of the Carolina Fruit Package Company, we would respectfully submit the following statement of facts:

The crate manufacturers who are stockolders in this company have perhaps more interests in the prosperity of the berry growers than any other class of our citizens because they have large investments depending upon the result of the berry crop and most of them have other interests besides manufacturing berry crates, all of which are directly involved in the prosperity of this section. They have been considered men of fair common sense and business foresight. Surely they could not afford to adopt any course that would in any wise injure the interest of those whom they expect to buy their product. Is it not commonsense to believe they would desire rather to promote and securely establish the best interest of every grower whether large or small?

There has been heretofore no uniformity in the system (or rather lack of system) by which this great industry has been supplied. No single manufacturer has been able satisfactorily to distribute his product, but has been subjected to much unnecessary expense and many unforeseen losses.

The Carolina Fruit-Package Company was organized to reduce expenses and losses to a minimum and to provide a systematic method of supplying the demand of every section for territory, so that there may at no time be a lack of crates at one point while there may be an over-supply elsewhere.

Every intelligent person knows there has been a very large increase in the cost of lumber and labor, which affects the manufacturer of crates, as these two items constitute four-fifths of the cost of production. The advance in cost of these items within three years has been from 25 per cent. to 50 cent. in every locality where crates are made, to say nothing of the increasing difficulty of procuring them even at an advanced price. And notwithstanding this increased cost of every class of materials, the Carolina Fruit Package Company has established the price of their best standard crates for the season at the low price of 26 cents to the growers. And not only so, but they are guaranteeing to maintain this low price to their patrons throughout the whole season. This should be a sufficient answer to the unthinking individuals who have discovered a mare's nest and are seeking to prejudice the ignorant. Truckers understand the importance of an assured supply of crates at their stations, and they should also know that manufacturers must receive a small profit or go out of business. The welfare is bound up together, and they must prosper together or not at all. This low price is only possible on account of the most economical management and methods in both manufacture and distribution, and any policy adopted by barry growers which should cripple or injure the crate manufacturers and bring about a famine in crates during the shipping season would be most disastrous to this great and growing interest.

CAROLINA FRUIT PACKAGE CO.

The committee, upon receiving the statement asked the manufacturers for a reduction of one cent on both Standard and No. 2 crates, making them 25 and 24 cents, less 8 per cent. This was refused. The committee then asked that all crates be made 25 cents, less 8 per cent. This was refused. The committee then asked that parties ordering 5,000 crates be allowed 5 per cent. off; 10,000 or more, 8 per cent. off. This was refused. Mr. Peirce explained their refusal to entertain the reduction asked for from the facts laid down in his statement just read.

Mr. Peirce was asked if a grower at any point ordering direct from the factory and getting five per cent. off and their agent at the same point to whom they gave eight per cent. off on his orders, got three per cent. on the purchases of said grower. This was denied most emphatically and only when the agent indorses the notes of said grower does he get the three per cent. The three per cent. not allowed the growers, goes back to the company.

The committee asked if several growers at any point combined and ordered a car load or more crates, (one of the growers of good financial standing becoming responsible for the order) could they get them without passing through the hands of their agent. The committee was informed that to protect their agents this could not be done.

The committee inquired if the growers in the Chadbourn section buying crates from the factory located at that point, were paying the same prices and getting the same discounts. The committee was assured that all sections were on the same basis. Your committee from reliable information in hand stated that the factory at Chadbourn was selling direct to the growers in large quantities at 26 and 25 cents, less eight per cent, and 2 per cent. additional for cash; whereas the other factories only allowed the grower five per cent. off in lots of 5,000 or more and then a grower could not purchase more than he needed for himself and tenants. This certainly shows a discrepancy in the method of doing business in the two sections which the committee could not reconcile with the above statement. By way of explanation, which did not explain, the general manager of the company stated that each manufacturer was an agent and if he so desired, could give away his commissions.

The conference adjourned to 2:30 P. M. At the afternoon session Mr. Pierce assured the committee they were not aware of the arrangement referred to above existing at Chadbourn. After considerable discussion of this question, the crate representatives retired to consult and on their return made the following proposition to the committee:

To sell any grower or number of growers, with approved security, lots of 5,000 crates, at 26 and 25 cents, less five per cent., and in lots of 10,000 or more, 26 and 25 cents, less eight per cent. with two per cent. additional for cash. No restriction placed on grower as to number of crates he may want on these terms.

That car load receivers, ordering through agents, can arrange with said agent as to discount they will receive.

That the Carolina Fruit Package Co. will not tolerate any agent using his position to force growers procuring crates through him to ship their berries to commission house represented by him.

We have endeavored to the best of our ability to correct some of the objectionable features as they existed and secure the best possible terms for our people. We think we have succeeded in promoting a better understanding between the growers and the Carolina Fruit Package Co. and respectfully ask that our report be received and accepted.

W. L. HILL, Chairman,
W. E. SPRINGER,
J. A. WESTBROOK,
W. E. THIGPEN,
J. S. WESTBROOK,
H. T. BAUMAN,
Committee.

DISCUSSION OF THE REPORT.

Mr. J. H. Moore moved the adoption of the report; seconded by Mr. D. W. Fussell. Then followed a long discussion in which all points in the report were carefully discussed. Dr. Porter said he could not vote for the acceptance of the report as he did not think the committee had accomplished any relief for the small grower. He offered the following resolution as a substitute for the committee's report:

"WHEREAS, The crate combine is not willing to concede anything to the small growers but leaves them in the hands of the local agents, therefore, be it,

"*Resolved*: That we do not approve of the terms offered.

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board are tendered to the committee for its efforts to adjust the controversy pending between manufacturers and growers.

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to secure harmony, the committee to consist of J. H. Moore, of Burgaw, S. H. Strange, of Fayetteville, and Z. W. Whitehead, of Wilmington.

The substitute of Dr. Porter was seconded by Mr. Strange but lost by a vote of nine to one.

Dr. Geo. F. Lucas, of Currie, moved that the rules be suspended and the committee's report be read again. Mr. Moore then renewed his motion to adopt the committee's report with thanks of the Board; seconded by Mr. Strange and carried unanimously. The following resolution was then offered by Mr. Strange, seconded by Dr. Porter and unanimously adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the secretary of the Association be and is hereby instructed to advise shippers and growers everywhere of the promises and agreement on the part of the Carolina Fruit Package Co., regarding the possible abuse of the power of their local agents and that shippers will report to the president of the E. C. T. and F. G. Association at Warsaw any and every infraction of this rule or promise."

The Directors then adjourned.

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C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.
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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. J. W. Carter, of Maxton, is at The Orton.

— Mr. A. S. Blount, of Rocky Mount, is at The Orton.

— Mrs. G. P. Watkins, of Albemarle, N. C., arrived last night and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Mercer.

— The "heart party" appointed to be given by the N. N. S. Society to-night at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Hall, has been postponed until Monday night.

— David J. Lewis, Esquire of Whiteville, was here yesterday returning from Raleigh, where he appeared in the Register hearing for change of sentence.

— Mr. Wm. B. Streeter, State superintendent of the North Carolina Children's Home Society at Greensboro, is in the city for a week or ten days in the interest of his most worthy institution.

RECITAL BY PIANO CLUB.

Delightful Artistic Event by Wilmington Musicians in Elks' Temple.

The recital last evening by the Wilmington Piano Club in the auditorium of the Elks' Temple was a most charming and highly artistic affair. Despite the very inclement weather, a select company of a hundred or more admirers of classical music were in attendance and were delighted with the admirable manner in which each and every one of the different numbers on the programme was rendered.

Owing to the death of an uncle, Mrs. E. C. Holt was not present, but in her place upon the programme Miss Palmer, a talented musician who has recently removed to the city for the purpose of opening a vocal studio, rendered an aria of much sweetness and charm. Her debut into the music colony of Wilmington in the selection so charmingly rendered last night, was nothing less than a triumph.

Arion Male Quartette.

Of the Arion Male Quartette, which will appear in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium to-morrow night, the Red Springs *Citizen* says: "The entertainment given at the Seminary auditorium Tuesday night by the Arion Quartette was the best of its kind ever in Red Springs. The singing was exceptionally fine. The perfect blending, harmony, sweetness of expression and pianissimo effects were able features of their work."

Y. M. C. A. Contest Closed.

The membership contest at the Y. M. C. A. closed last night at 10 o'clock with the following score: Blues, Capt. R. H. Pickett, 193; Whites, Capt. J. A. McGeachy, 197½. The contest was a great success and Capt. McGeachy's winning team will enjoy an oyster roast at the sound next week in celebration of the victory.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 11.

WHAT WILL THE VICTOR GET?

The STAR'S cablegrams yesterday and this morning tell us that the war tragedy is on in the Far East. The dogs of war have been unleashed and while the first glory has been scored by Japan, no man can tell what contending nation will come out victor. For years the storm has been threatening and what its fury will be or what its scope may widen into is hard to tell.

Indeed, if the conflict does not involve all the world powers, we will be surprised. The future became big with events when the world powers turned their eyes toward China and that slothful land of millions of people become the prey of the so-called civilized nations of the universe. The dismemberment of China has been a burning question for years and when the Boxer revolution occurred in 1900 and the allied armies of the United States and the powers of Europe invaded China, it was believed that dismemberment was at hand.

The Boxers were suppressed, but China was prostrate before the wolves of civilization. All the invading nations were jealous of each other and this alone prevented dismemberment of the Celestial Empire. The result was that the powers agreed to maintain the integrity of China, including Manchuria the most northern province of the Empire.

Russia, meanwhile, had exploited Manchuria and had paramount interests there. She had builded or was building the great Siberian railway and had built a connecting railway from Port Arthur to Manchuria to connect with her Siberian line, but the understanding of the powers was that China's sovereignty over Manchuria should not be interfered with and the "open door" should be maintained for the commerce of all nations.

The life ambition of Russia has been to open a way for her great Empire to the Pacific and hence her quiet invasion of Manchuria and the establishment of Port Arthur as her great port. Russia not only invaded Manchuria commercially but she invaded it with her army while she was building the Manchuria railway. Under pressure from the powers she agreed for her army to evacuate Manchuria on the 8th of last October, but no evacuation ever took place, as the world knows. Manchuria lies nearest to Corea, and foreseeing that Russia was determined to hold Manchuria in spite of the world powers, Japan became alarmed, for Russian occupation of Manchuria threatened Japan's paramount influence in Corea. The fact is, Russia had already displayed her aggression toward Corea and even disputed that the Japanese claims there were any greater than hers. To settle the rights or rather aggrandizements of Russia and Japan in Manchuria and Corea, Japan began her diplomatic correspondence with Russia. With the vassalating policy of Russia in that correspondence all readers are familiar up to the time that Japan despaired of getting a satisfactory answer, broke off diplomatic relations some days ago, and determined to enforce her claims by war.

According to the Associated Press cablegrams in the STAR several days ago the following is a synopsis of Russia's last reply, refusing to accede to the following demands of Japan, after a tedious and long correspondence which ultimately tired Japan and wore out her patience, viz:

1. Japan's right to ask for a treaty covering the sovereignty of Manchuria.
2. She insisted upon mutual recognition of the independence of Corea.
3. That there should be no fortification of Southern Corea, which might threaten Russian communication with Port Arthur and Vladivostock.
4. She declined to meet Japan's wishes with regard to a neutral zone on both sides of the Yalu river.

As any one will see, Russia's reply gave Japan no other alternative but war.

We must go back here to the war in 1894 between Japan and China, in which Japan came off victorious. Japan wanted to take Corea and Manchuria as her fruits of that victory, but Russia, more than any other power, stepped in and put an end to her aspirations. It was then predicted that Japan would some day pay Russia back for preventing her from reaping the fruits of her victory, and doubtless the plucky Japs have ever since been preparing for a reckoning with Russia.

But what will the war profit either Japan or Russia, whichever crushes the other? The STAR, early in the controversy, stated that it was more than probable that the other powers, and particularly the United States and Great Britain, would intervene and prevent either Russia or Japan from enjoying the fruits of the victory in the war that we felt sure that they would have. That view of the situation is sustained, for in the Associated Press dispatches from Washington yesterday, it was stated that Secretary Hay has addressed an identical note to a number of European powers to ascertain if they are willing to join in a notice to Russia and Japan that during hostilities and therefore the neutrality, integrity and sovereignty of China must be recognized. The fact is that long ago our government and other governments in Europe have had an understanding to that effect, and the identical note is only to get the agreement in formal shape. That means that if Russia wins she will get neither Manchuria or Corea, and if Japan wins, she will get neither.

It is evident that Japan has the moral support of a majority of the world powers, and she is alone and single handed really fighting the battle for all of them to keep Russia from helping herself to all of China that she wants.

BLACK MAMMA DEAD.

In Charlotte, on Monday, one of the old colored "mammas" of befo' de wah times passed away. You may ask, "What of that?" and we will answer that she is one of a class of negroes who are now very few and time is fast gathering in the good old souls who used to be so tender and loyal to her "white chillun." Another fact about it is that she had been with one family for fifty years and probably more, and the family was as loyal to her as she was to them

Under the head of Death of "Aunt" Cynthia Carson, the Charlotte *Observer* of Tuesday says:

"Aunt Cynthia Carson, one of the rapidly disappearing old Southern "mammies," died early yesterday morning in her house in the rear of the place of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Carson, on South Tryon street. She was nearly 90 years old and had been a servant in the Carson family for over 50 years, having nursed every child of Mr. and Mrs. Carson. On account of her age, she had been unable to work for several years and for about six months she was ill, being cared for all the time at the expense of Mr. and Mrs. Carson.

BOOK NOTICES.

The "Atlantic Monthly" for February is on our table. This able publication, always a treasure of literature, art, science and politics, is replete with timely and vital topics of the day. Among the articles is one entitled, "Lynching: A Southern View," by Clarence H. Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, N. C.

"Pearson's Magazine" for February is a most excellent number. The contents are varied and full of interest for readers Address the Pearson Publishing Company. 2 to 30 Astor Place, New York.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— In seeking an American heiress for a wife is Alphonso trying to recoup himself for the millions Uncle Sam got from him several years ago?—*Norfolk Public Ledger.*

—— In the appropriation bill there is an item of $20,000 for the monument to Hampton. This is a continuation of the appropriation of last year, and it yet remains for the people to raise $10,000. Of this a little over $6,000 is in sight. Much of this has been subscribed recently and if the same active work is done the full amount can be easily obtained.

—— We have forced Spain to leave Cuba; we shall aid Panama to maintain her independence of Colombia; we shall in due course abate the San Dominican nuisance, and, if we play creditably our part in the world, do many other high-handed acts of right and justice. And in each case we shall find our justification in a better code than that even of international law.—*Providence Journal.*

—— What is described as being the largest tobacco warehouse in the world is located at Liverpool. It occupies one block 725 feet long and 165 feet wide. The height from the level of the road, excluding that of the vault, is 424 feet 10 inches. The total accommodation of the twelve floors of the building and the quay floors is 58,200 packages. In addition to this warehouse are two older warehouses, which occupy the north and south quays of the same dock, the tendency being to concentrate the storage of tobacco in one location.—*Exchange.*

Low Round Trip Rates Via Atlantic Coast Line.

Mobile, Ala.—$33.20 on account of Mardi Gras. Tickets on sale February 9th to 15th, inclusive, with final limit returning February 20th. On payment of 50 cents an extension of limit to March 5th may be secured.

Pensacola, Fla.—$32.70 on account of Mardi Gras. Tickets on sale February 9th to 15th, inclusive, with final limit returning February 20th. By depositing ticket at Pensacola and on payment of 50 cents additional an extension of final limit to March 5th can be obtained.

New Orleans, La.—$25.35 on account of Mardi Gras. Tickets on sale February 9th to 15th, inclusive, with final limit returning February 20th. By depositing ticket at New Orleans and on payment of 50 cents additional an extension of final limit to March 5th can be secured. W. J. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent.

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— Fusionist—I believe in the office seeking the man. Regular—That's all right if you don't want the office.—*Baöoklyn Life.*

— If the price keeps climbing the man with cotton socks will have to fall back on silk half-hose as a matter of economy.—*New York Herald.*

— Biggs—Do you ever try to tell people by the clothes they wear? Jiggs—Occasionally. For instance, now, I'll bet that's a policeman.—*Chicago News.*

— Visiting Magnate—Is your new trolley line a success? Local Magnate—Not as great as we hoped. Nearly half the passengers can get seats.—*Puck.*

— Prof. Longhair—It has been demonstrated beyond question that this continent is sinking. Miss De Style—Oh, well, we've got a yacht.—*New York Weekly.*

— Many a rich father has discovered that it is easier to get a daughter off his hands than to keep a son-in-law on his feet.—*Philadelphia Record.*

— Father—But are you sure he is a sensible young man? Daughter—Oh, yes, papa. Why, he's the only one of our amateur theatrical club who hasn't professional aspirations.—*Puck.*

— Tess: So you've broken with him? Jess: He was entirely too hard to please. Tess: Gracious! How he must have changed since he proposed to you!—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "Uncle," said the high-school young man, "is 'politics' singular or plural?" "Sonny," was the reply, "in de paht of de country whah I cum fu'um dey's sing'lar, mighty sing'lar."—*Washington Star.*

— In the Barber Shop: "Do you shave yourself very close?" "Not very, I usually leave enough skin to fasten the court plaster on—but, of course, you didn't know that before you began."—*Cincinnati Times Star.*

— "Horace says, "Mingle a little folly with your wisdom.'" "Yes, that's easy enough. But it's another matter when it comes to mingling a little wisdom with your folly."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

— "Will you marry me?" he asked, bluntly. "No," replied the Boston maiden, but she added, coyly: "I am not endowed with sarcedotal power. Put your question properly. Ask me if I will become your wife."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— Bessie—Oh! by the way, Nellie was talking about you last evening, Kate—The hateful thing. Bessie—Oh, but she said only the nicest things about you, Kate—I wonder what mean thing she is getting ready to do to me.—*Boston Transcript.*

—Mrs. Pretty: Isn't it strange? Mrs. Beauti has not put on mourning for her husband. Mr. Pretty: I understand that her late husband particularly requested that she should not. Mrs. Pretty: The brute! I suppose he knew how lovely she would look in it.—*Pick-Me-Up.*

— "Ruined, and by a woman!" exclaimed the man. "I fail to see the point," rejoined the other. "Same here," said the party of the first part. "I was speaking of this lead pencil, which my stenographer has evidently been trying to sharpen."—*Chicago News.*

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A fruit whose appearance grows less uncommon in our city markets is the alligator pear, also known as aguacate, avocado, midshipman's butter, etc., the fruit of Persea gratissima, a tree native to tropical America, but now widely grown throughout tropical countries.

The principal commercial supply in the markets of the United States comes from Jamaica, though there is a considerable and increasing production of this fruit in southern Florida, both on the mainland and the keys. Small

SECTION OF ALLIGATOR PEAR.

quantities are also grown in the milder regions of southern California. The West Indian type, which is the only one found in the markets of eastern United States, yields a fruit about the size of the largest pears. The varieties differ considerably in form and range from deep purple to light green in color. Generally speaking, they are not unlike a medium sized eggplant fruit in form and appearance. The portion eaten is a pulp which surrounds a single large seed. In texture the pulp is soft and somewhat like butter and is perhaps most commonly used for salad making.

The Mexican type of alligator pear, which is now being tested in California and Florida, is a smaller tree and yields a much smaller fruit. It is, however, reported to endure several degrees of frost, whereas the West Indian type is injured by a temperature of 32 degrees F. The alligator pear is very different from ordinary fruits in composition since it contains a high percentage of fat. In this respect it suggests the olive, although it resembles it in no other particular.

Golden Winter Foliage.

There are quite a number of evergreens which are more beautiful in winter than in summer because of the pretty color of their foliage at that season, and not the least among them is the Rollinson's Golden Arborvitæ, Thuya (Biota) elegantissima. In the summer time it has golden colored tips, especially when making new growth. As soon as cold weather comes the whole of the exposed foliage becomes of a flame color and is especially brilliant when exposed to the sun. In fact, when overshadowed by trees or buildings it colors hardly at all. Its best position is one entirely open. The habit of growth of this arborvitæ is intermediate between the upright growing common Chinese and the bushy, slow growing Golden Arborvitæ. Set out of a height of about two feet it would be some years before it would be four.

Good companions in the way of pleasing winter colors are the Retinispora plaifera aurea, the foliage of which becomes of a golden yellow, and the Douglas Golden Juniper. The color of the latter is of a rich, golden bronze, something unique among evergreens. This juniper is of a rather flat, spreading growth, fitting it for positions which the more upright evergreens could not fill.

The Minnesota Fruit Problem.

A large portion of the area of this great state is well adapted to fruit growing. It is limited by a few very cold days in winter, and the problem of the Minnesota grower has been how to protect his fruit against such trying conditions. On the approach of winter the trees should be mulched to protect them from root killing. This mulch may consist of any strawy material or stable litter, and even a small amount of it will protect from root killing, which is liable to be especially injurious in severe winters when the ground is bare, and it should be generally understood that in this section we are quite likely to have the ground bare in winter.—Professor S. B. Green of Minnesota in Chicago Record-Herald.

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"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes F. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "No remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicines I ever used. They have also kept my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand tonic and invigorator for weak, run-down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, February 10.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 63c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $2.60 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.40 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.50 per barrel for hard, $4.25 for dip, $4.25 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 62c; rosin firm at $1.70@1.75 bid; tar firm at $1.60; crude turpentine firm at $2.20, 3.75@3.75.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	15
Rosin	288
Tar	314
Crude turpentine	14

Receipts same day last year—92 casks spirits turpentine, 583 barrels rosin, 1,143 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Nothing doing.

Same day last year, market firm at 8¼c for middling.

Receipts—186 bales; same day last year, 287.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 90c; extra prime, 95c; fancy, $1.00, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 80c; extra prime, 85c; fancy, 95c. Spanish, $1.00.

CORN—Firm; 57½@60c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 16@16½c per pound; shoulders, 12½c; sides, 12½c.

EGGS—Firm at 23c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 25@35c; springs, 10@20c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 12½@13c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@55c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Firm at 2@3¼c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Money on call easy at 1¾@2 per cent; closing bid 1¾ per cent.; offered at 1¾ per cent.; time loans steady; sixty days 4 per cent.; ninety days 4 per cent.; six months 4¼@4¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5¼ per ct. Sterling exchange was weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485.50@485.55 for demand and at 482.65@482.70 for sixty-day bills. Posted rates 483¾@484 and 486¼. Commercial bills 482¼. Bar silver 56¾. Mexican dollars 43¼. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104¾; U. S. refunding 3's, coupon, 104¾; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 106; do. coupon, ex int, 106; U. S. 4's, new, reg'd, 132½; do. coupons, 132½; U. S. 4's, old, reg'd, 107; U. S. 4's, old coupon, 107; U. S. 5's, registered, —; do. coupon, —; Southern Railway, 5's, 112. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 91; Chesapeake & Ohio 31¾; Manhattan L 141¼; New York Central 114¾; Reading 41¾; do. 1st preferred 79; do. 2nd preferred 57; Southern Railway 20¾; do. pref'd 81; Amalgamated Copper 45¾; People's Gas 99¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 36¾; U. S. Leather 7¼; U. S. Leather, preferred, 76¾; Western Union 86¾; U. S. Steel 11; do. preferred 56¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 28¾; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 100; sales — shares. Standard Oil 640.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Rosin easy. Spirits turpentine easy at 67¼.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 10.—Spirits turpentine and rosin nominal; nothing doing. Quotations omitted.

SAVANNAH, Feb. 10.—Spirits turpentine was firm at 64c; receipts 94 casks; sales casks; exports 1,304 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 2,770 barrels; sales 1,613 barrels; exports 315 barrels. Quote: A, B, C, $2 80; D, $2 80; E, $1 85; F, $2 90; G, $2 95; H, $2 95; I, $3 20; K, $3 25; M, $3 30; N, $3 35; W G, $3 45; W W $3 75.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—The cotton market opened easy at a decline of twenty-three to twenty-nine points on the old and of one to five points on the new crop months, under continued liquidation and bear pressure following a sharp break in Liverpool and ugly rumors connecting the New Orleans bull with the failures in Bremen and Berlin. At first the market was very nervous and unsettled. Still there seemed comparatively little disposition to sell in view of the light receipts, estimates, and generally bullish advices concerning the attitude of spot holders. Later, it was reported that the holdings of one of the New Orleans bull operators had been liquidated. These were estimated at about 300,000 bales of spot cotton and nearly a like amount of futures. This rumor was followed by reassuring messages from New Orleans, and from the actions of the market there it seemed that at last the pressure of long cotton had at least partially ceased. This in connection with less bearish views concerning the census bureau report of yesterday started covering here and while the local bull leader appeared to take no prominent part in the trading, prices worked quite steadily upward until shortly after midday March was selling at 13.-13; May at 13.45 and July at 13.54, a net advance of forty-five to forty-nine points. The rally attracted fresh selling by the local bear element and prices sagged off several points, but rallied again latter, closing steady at practically the best for the day, a net advance of 28 to fifty points. Sales were estimated at 500,000 bales. Exports were light. One of the features of the late trading was buying by brokers representing spot houses, and one spot dealer reported a better demand from New England for actual cotton with some difficulty experienced in securing desired grades, as holders seemed unwilling to part freely with their cotton at the decline.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Cotton nominal at 14.25c; net receipts — bales; gross receipts — bales; stock 76,441 bales.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 14.35; middling gulf 14.50c; sales 525 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady: February 12.98, March 13.11, April 13.28, May 13.38, June 13.43, July 13.50, August 12.63, September 12.10, October 11.49, December 11.05.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 23,204 bales; exports to Great Britain 10,381 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 600 bales; exports to Japan — bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 749,496 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 95,158 bales; exports to Great Britain 20,487 bales; exports to France 50 bales; exports to the Continent 12,589 bales; exports to Japan 974 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 6,191,788 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,842,562 bales; exports to France 602,873 bales; exports to the Continent 2,133,445 bales; exports to Japan 36,733 bales; exports to Mexico 22,073 bales.

Feb. 10.—Galveston, firm at —c, net receipts 7,687 bales; Norfolk, not received, net receipts 2,800 bales; Baltimore, nominal at —c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 14.25, net receipts 157 bales; Wilmington, nominal at —, net receipts 186 bales; Philadelphia, steady at 14.50, net receipts 75 bales; Savannah, nominal at 13¼, net receipts 3,816 bales; New Orleans, nominal at —c, net receipts 9,986 bales; Mobile, nominal at —, net receipts 23 bales; Memphis, nominal at —, net receipts 1,991 bales; Augusta, nominal at 13¼c, net receipts 635 bales; Charleston, nominal at —, net receipts 4 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Flour was firm and held higher on choice grades; winter patents $5 60@4 80. Wheat—Spot firmer; No. 2 red 97c. Options opened stronger and closed strong. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 59¼c. Option market was less active and while higher at times showed a general tendency to ease off through bull efforts to unload holdings. The close was ¼@½c net lower: May closed 58 8¼c; July closed 57½c; August 47¾@57¾c; September 56¼c. Oats—Spot steady; No. 2 48c. Lard strong; Western steam $7 95; refined lard easy. Butter steady; extra creamery 25¼c; State dairy 14@21c. Cheese—Market firm; State, full cream fancy, small colored, September 12; late made 10¼; small white, September 12; late made 10¼. Eggs higher and firm; State and Pennsylvania nearby average, finest 34@35c. Peanuts firm; fancy hand-picked 4¼c; other domestic 3¼@6c. Potatoes firm; Long Island $3 09@3 50; Jerseys $2 75@3 25; Jersey sweets $1 50@1 75; State and Western sacks $2 50@2 65. Cabbage steady; domestic, per ton, $35 00@35 00; per 100 $5 00@10 00. Freights to Liverpool—by steam 12. Tallow quiet. Pork easy. Rice firm. Sugar—Raw firm; refined steady. Cotton seed oil was rather quiet and in sympathy with lard: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 30½@31c; prime summer yellow 38@38½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 41c; prime winter yellow 40@42c.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—An increased foreign demand incident to war movements, combined with the congested local situation, caused an erratic wheat market to-day. At one stage in the trading May wheat showed a gain of 2½c from the low point of the day and although all the gain was not maintained, the close was firm and 1½c higher than yesterday's closing figure. Coarse grains were weak on heavy liquidation, May corn closing ½c lower and oats down 1½c. Provisions were 5c higher to 10c lower.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Cash prices: Flour quiet but firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring —c; No. 3 spring 80@94c; No. 2 red 93¼@98. Corn—No. 2 49½c; No. 2 yellow 49¾c. Oats—No. 2 39½@40¼; No. 3 white 40@44c. Rye—No. 2 62. Mess pork, per bbl., $14 37½@14 50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $7 50@7 55. Short rib sides, loose, $6 75@7 00. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, not reported. Short clear sides, boxed, $7 12½@7 25. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 May 95¾@96, 97, 94¾, 96¾@96¾c; July 86¾@87¼, 80¼, 86¾, 87¼c; September 82@82¾, 83¾, 81¼, 83¼c. Corn—No. 2 February 50c; May 54¼@@54¼, 55¼, 53¾, 53¾@53¾c; July 52¾@52¾, 52¼, 51¾c. Oats—No. 2 February 39¼c; May 43¾@@43¾, 43¾, 43¼, 43¾c; July 39¼@39¼, 39¾, 38¾, 38¾c; September 33¼, 33¾@33¾, 33¼, 33¾c. Mess pork, per bbl—May $14 90, 14 92½, 14 65, 14 75; May $14 85, 14 85, 14 75, 14 80. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $7 80, 7 85, 7 70, 7 70; July $7 90, 7 90, 77½, 7 80. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $7 15, 7 22½, 7 10, 7 17½; July $7 27½, 7 30, 7 20, 7 30.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Coffee—Spot Rio nominal; No. 7 invoice 7¼; mild steady; Cordova 8¼@13¾c. The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 5@20 points and ruled generally steady on scattered buying, but in the late trading ruled particularly firm and more active under an increased demand from trade sources, buying orders from Wall street. The close was firm at a net advance of 20@35 points, with sales of 187,000 bags.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 10.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices 58 points lower; American middling fair 7.20d; good middling 7.04d; middling 6.94d; low middling 6.86d; good ordinary 6.78d; ordinary 6.58d. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,400 bales American. Receipts 13,000 bales, including 10,600 bales American.

Futures opened easy and closed quiet and steady; American middling (g o c): February 6.88d; February and March 6.69d; March and April 6.71d; April and May 6.73d; May and June 6.74d; June and July 6.74d; July and August 6.73d; August and September 6.59d; September and October 6.09d; October and November 5.84d.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—18 bales cotton, 78 barrels tar.

W. & W. Railroad—21 bales cotton.

W., C. & A. Railroad—90 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 9 barrels rosin, 20 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—7 bales cotton, 17 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—23 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—149 barrels rosin, 86 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—2 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 50 barrels tar.

Steamer Sanders—30 bales cotton, 20 barrels tar.

Schooner Alice—8 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 43 barrels tar.

Total—186 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 388 barrels rosin, 314 barrels tar, 14 barrels crude turpentine.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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Good-natured people are often irritable.

If you knew the reason, you would not be surprised.

Ever have itching piles?

Not sick enough to go to bed, not well enough to be content.

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., February 11.

STEAMERS.

Teloes, (Br) 2,099 tons, Holitum, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

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Lillian Woodruff, 288 tons, Warner, J T Riley & Co.

Harold J McCarty, 251 tons, Flynn, C D Maffitt.

Abbie G Cole, 232 tons, Cole, J T Riley & Co.

Rachel W Stevens, 1,083 tons, Stevens, C D Maffitt.

Ralph M Hayward, 539 tons, Trimm, C D Maffitt.

Brine P Pendleton, 821 tons, Hutchinson, C D Maffitt.

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Citron for Fancy Pies.

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Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made in a special proceeding pending therein between Edgar Miller and wife, Nancy Miller, Olivia Waddell and Sophie Miller, plaintiffs, and John Rh—wallas John Miller and Lucy Rhew alias Lucy Miller, defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will expose for sale, to the highest bidder for cash, on Monday, the 8th of February, 1904 at the Court House door in the city of Wilmington the following described property: Beginning at the southeast corner of block 289 runs thence westwardly with the line of the north side of Fanning street 82½ feet; thence North and parallel with Anderson street 66 feet; thence East parallel with Fanning street 82½ feet; thence south along the said line on Anderson street 66 feet to the beginning, being part of Lot 5, Block 284.

T. E. BROOKS, Commissioner.

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Water Closets - - 50 cts per quarter, each
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REPORT

OF THE CONDITION OF THE ATLANTIC National Bank, of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business, January 22, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts		$ 966,214 20
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		248 04
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		172,500 00
Stocks, securities, etc.		23,500 00
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures		20,000 00
Other Real Estate owned		18,500 00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)		92,453 45
Due from State Banks and Bankers		135,17 94
Due from approved reserve agents		197,080 35
Notes of other National Banks	$3,500 00	
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	1,951 03	
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	2,500 00	
Legal tender notes	$93,500 00	$104,951 03
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas't (5 per cent. of circulation)		5,400 00
Total		$1,803,768 09

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in		$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	$125,000 00	
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	70,137 87	195,137 87
National Bank notes outstanding		125,000 00
Due to other National Banks		189,797 36
Due to State Banks and Bankers		250,460 72
Dividends unpaid		412 00
Individual deposits subject to check		730,539 18
Cashiers checks outstanding		20 650 96
United States deposits		175,850 00 1 828 650 22
Total		$1,803,768 09

State of North Carolina, county of New Hanover, ss.:

I, Andrew Moreland, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ANDREW MOREL

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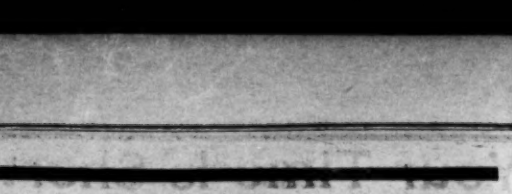

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Murchison National Bank,

of Wilmington, N. C.,

At close of business Jan. 23, 1904. (Began Business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES:		LIABILITIES:	
Loans and Discounts	$1,090,218 50	Capital	$ 300,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	350,000 00	Surplus and net profits	113,041 46
Bank Building	90,000 00	Circulation	300,000 00
Cash on hand and in Banks	693,708 89	Deposits	1,330,435 33
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Comparative statement of deposits.

Jan. 22nd, 1903, $857,505 76. Jan. 22nd, 1903, $1,304,813 99 Jan. 22nd, 1904, $1,330,435 33.

H. C. McQUEEN, President,

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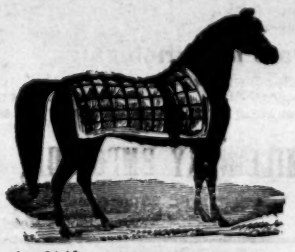

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— The farmers in Bertie county have revelled in the high prices for cotton and peanuts and will put in larger crops of each this year.

Mr. R. C. Mitchell, near Hartsville, Wayne county, lost his barns, with several mules and cattle, by incendiary fire, Saturday night. His loss was $2,000.

— The Southern Tobacco Company, of Pilot Mountain, which recently bought the tobacco factory formerly run by the Dodson Bros. Tobacco Company, began operations at Pilot Mountain Saturday.

— Norfolk *Virginian Pilot*: A Washington preacher eulogized John Brown and a number of his auditors got up and left. They acted wisely—nobody knows when the fool killer is lurking near and he might follow drastic courses.

— Mr. Jack Reed, the well known Plymouth hotel man, has closed the Hotel Pamlico (formerly the Nicholson House) at Washington, N. C. He says there is not enough patronage in Washington for two good hotels. Mr. Read will go on the road as a commercial traveller.

— Great preparations are being made for getting electricity from Buckhorn Falls, on the Cape Fear river. The powerful dynamos and other machinery have been delivered at a point on Deep river and will be floated down on barges. It is said the river will develop 3,000 horse power there.

— Raleigh correspondent of the Charlotte *Observer*: So great is the number of applicants for hotel accommodations at Pinehurst that it is stated that if Mr. Tufts were to build another hotel as large as the Carolina it would be quickly filled. It stands to-day in the lead of all the Southern winter resorts, the glob-trotters say.

— The Charlotte water commissioners sold on Monday to the Southern States Trust Company the $60,000 provisional bonds issued for the purpose of securing money to change the site of the water works to Irwin's creek. The bonds were sold at par, run for fifteen months and pay 6 per cent. interest. The Southern States Trust Company is a Charlotte concern.

— Referring to the Mecklenburg Medical Society, the *Observer* should have stated that the future charge by the county physicians of $1.50 a mile for visits up to a distance of three miles, and 50 a mile for every mile beyond that point, applies only to the country and unincorporated towns, while for Charlotte and incorporated towns the fee bill of the Charlotte Medical Society will operate and a charge of $2 a visit will be made.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Mr. T. H. Spence, who lives near the city, was coming into town last Saturday night and when in front of Mr. S. H. Loftin's residence was attacked by a musk-rat. The little "varmint" ran up his leg and came near frightening Mr. Spence to death. He shook the rat off and picked up a brick and killed it. It was a fat one, with fine fur, and the question arises: "How come it on Queen street, in the heart of the city?"

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Mr. J. A. Harrison, an aged citizen of Greensboro, who is in Charlotte on a visit to his son, Mr. James Harrison, is making an effort to secure his share of an English estate valued at $200,000,000. Mr. Harrison, who is 80 years old, traces his ancestry back to Sir Francis Drake, and it is under the will of the latter that the aged gentleman claims an interest in the vast estate, consisting of land in Great Britian and money in the Bank of England.

— Durham *Sun*: Collector Carl Duncan, of Raleigh, stopped over here Saturday afternoon on his way home from Greensboro, and Saturday night there was a new collector of internal revenue appointed for Durham. Dr. E. H. Bowling, appointed to succeed J. V. Rigsbee, resigned and W. F. Cheek, his clerk, is now collector. There was a technical charge that caused Dr. Bowling to resign. He had been getting Clerk Cheek to do outside collecting for him and he was paid $8.00 a month by Bowling for his service.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Perhaps the most cordial call ever given a minister was that extended yesterday to Rev. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton, to become pastor of the First Baptist church. The call was a unanimous one, and the salary of the pastor has been raised $200 more yearly than has heretofore been paid. In conversation with Mr. J. A. Oates, who has been superintendent of the Baptist Sunday suchool for a number of years, the reporter learns that the school is showing a marked increase in attendance, 202 scholars answering to the rol call Sunday morning.

— On Monday Judge B. F. Long opened a two-weeks' term of the Asheville Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases. In his charge to the grand jury Judge Long said: "I have had the misfortune usually in this beautiful mountain country to find large criminal dockets. I understand you have a large one here, also that in Madison county, where I go next, that there are seven men under indictment for murder, and I am told that in this border country from Alleghany to Haywood more men have been killed since the war than lost their lives in the Spanish-American war. It is appalling." No disposition has been made yet of the case of Dr. Jay who murdered his two children with a hammer.

— Charlotte *Observer*: The State chemist of Pennsylvania has taken 1,000 specimens of the cheap liquor sold in different parts of that State and submitted them to analysis, finding that of 92 per cent. of the specimens, wood alcohol was their chief basis, and that prunes, red pepper and tobacco were among their constituents. The Raleigh correspondent of this paper stated a few years ago that concentrated lye enters into a considerable part of the "chemically pure" that is manufactured in North Carolina, this being employed to cause it to "take hold," or, as Poor Bah said, to make it "bite and scratch." Whether the specific things stated above are true or not, still the wonder about the business is not that sowpaw gets so many men, but that it gets so few.

Nonsense About the Eucalyptus.

A great deal of nonsense is appearing in print of late in regard to eucalyptus trees. One extract, which I have before me now, states that they are adapted to all parts of the country, growing from "tropical swamps to above the snow line on the mountain tops." Having in mind our country as a whole, and not an isolated state here and there, I think I am quite safe in saying that there is not a single species which will live. Another matter which this subject suggests is, Of what need is there to look to Australia for something to reclothe our hillsides when abundant material is here? Why not reclothe with white pine, hemlock or whatever has been cut away? Besides this, take the Douglas fir from Colorado. It is as hardy as a rock, its timber is of very great value, and it is a fast growing tree. So much is it valued that thousands of pounds of seeds find their way to Europe annually for the forming of forests there. The Colorado blue spruce and its variety from the Pacific are also in great demand for the same purpose, seeds being shipped in large quantities. Nothing can be said against the value of the timber of many eucalypti. There is too much evidence to the contrary for that.—Joseph Meehan in Country Gentleman.

Wheelbarrow For Greenhouse Use.

The sketch shows the form of a homemade wheelbarrow used in connection with a greenhouse. It is but

WHEELBARROW FOR NARROW WALKS.

twenty inches in width, which permits of its use in the walk of the house in moving soil, manure, pots, etc. By laying down some planks in the potting shed the barrow can readily be used in carrying material in and out of doors.

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Mr. H. Haggins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "My doctor told me I had consumption, and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption induced me to try it. Results were startling. I am now on the road to recovery, and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. It surely saved my life." This great cure is guaranteed for all Throat and Lung diseases by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

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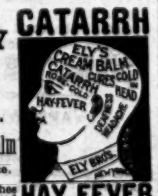

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Cures all Stomach and Bowel Troubles, such as: Chronic Dysentery, Cholera Morbus, Bloody Flux, and also children teething. It seldom fails to make quick and permanent cures of all stomach and bowel diseases. See testimonial of the late

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Dr. Walter A. Taylor, Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir: This is the first occasion that I have ever given as to the merits of any medicine, but I take pleasure in recommending Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial. I consider it the best remedy that I have ever used in my family for Stomach and Bowel Troubles. 50c invested in a bottle of this medicine to be used in the beginning of any stomach trouble will often save life as well as a large doctor's bill. I have a friend whose life was, in my opinion, saved by the prompt use of Dr. Biggers' Huckleberry Cordial. For sale by all Druggists, 25 and 50c per bottle.

(Signed) HENRY W. GRADY.

Atlanta, Ga., May 23, 1887.

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Wilmington, N. C.

At close of business, January 22nd, 1904. (Condensed from report to Corporation Commission. Began business September, 1902.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans and discounts	$284,958 54	Capital Stock	$ 50,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures	100 00	Undivided profits	12 282 81
Cash on hand and in Banks	19,986 93	Deposits	342,782 86
Total	$404,995 47	Total	$404,995 47

MATT J. HEYER, President. B. H. J. AHRENS, Vice President

MITCHELL P. ALLEN, Cashier.

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One car load Santa Claus.
Soap and Gold Dust Washing Powder,
One car load cracked Corn.
Four car loads Virginia Meal.
Three car loads Corn (2 bus. bags.)
One car load Oats.

These goods bought before recent advance and would pay you to communicate with us before placing orders elsewhere.

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feb 3 tf Wholesale Grocers.

Forclosure Sale.

By virtue of the provisions of the power of sale contained in a mortgage made by George H. James to the Wilmington Homestead & Loan Association, recorded in Book No. 83, page 674, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover County in Wilmington on the 8th day of February, 1904, the following described lot of land in said city: Beginning at a point in the Eastern line of Seventh street 66 feet south of the southern line of Wooster street, runs thence east parallel with Wooster street 55 feet, thence South parallel with Seventh street 66 feet; thence West parallel with Wooster street 55 feet; thence north with the eastern line of Seventh street 66 feet to the beginning.

WILMINGTON HOMESTEAD & LOAN ASSOCIATION, by

jan 17 20t JOHN D. BELLAMY, Attorney.

Commissioner's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of New Hanover county, in the case of Joseph Turner and Emma Turner vs. Whitfield Turner and Richard Turner, the undersigned commissioner will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash on Thursday, the 3rd day of March, 1904, at the Court House door in the City of Wilmington, the following property: Beginning in the northern line of Campbell street 414 feet west of the western line of Eighth street, runs thence west with the northern line of Campbell street 414 feet; thence north parallel with Eighth street 66 feet; thence east parallel with Campbell street 414 feet; thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to the beginning, being part of Lot 5, Block 52.

T. E. BROWN, Commissioner.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

Time-Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 31, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
2 Pass'r Trains		STATIONS.	4 Pass'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 06	.....
.....	4 29	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern	9 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City	7 52	7 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at New bern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 2 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 3.50 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 28 tf S. L. DILL, Supt.

SCHEDULE

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LIGHT & POWER COMPANY.

Effective October 21st, 1903.

LEAVE.

Wilmington.	Wrightsville for Wil.	Beach.
*7.00 A. M.	8.10 A. M.	.....
10.00 A. M.	11.17 A. M.	11.00 A. M.
3.00 P. M.	5.15 P. M.	5.00 P. M.
*6.10 P. M.	7.00 P. M.	.....
10.00 P. M.	10.30 P. M.	Saturday only

*Daily except Sunday.

†Will not run beyond Wrightsville unless there are passengers for the Beach.

FREIGHT.

Small freight shipments will be carried on all passenger cars except 3 P. M. trips. Special arrangements for transportation of large shipments or bulky freight can be made by applying at the office. dec 15 tf

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Jan. 10, 1904

NORTHBOUND.

	No 48	No 41
Lv Wilmington	9 30 a m	5 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 21 p m	8 38 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 25 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	5 55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 43 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 23 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 07 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 09 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 48
Lv New York	9 25 a m	2 25 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 56 a m	4 01 p m
Ar Baltimore	2 47 p m	5 32 p m
Ar Washington	3 41 p m	6 45 p m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 38 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 06 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 10 p m
Ar Wilson	11 38 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 45 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	3 30 p m	6 50 p m
Ar Florence	9 35 a m	7 30 p m	3 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 05 p m	6 40 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	8 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	7 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily
Lv Tampa	8 05 p m	9 30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	8 00 a m	7 00 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	9 14 p m	5 55 a m
Ar Florence	7 09 p m	9 05 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 45 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound Daily		East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m	Ar	3 30 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 15 p m	Ar	6 25 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m	Lv	3 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN

	North Bound Daily ex Sunday		South Bound
Lv Wilmington	3 35 p m	Ar	12 35 p m
Ar Newbern	5 40 p m	Lv	9 00 a m

Trains Nos. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Penna R. R. for all points east.

W. J. CRAIG, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

H. M. Emerson, Traffic Manager.

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Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

Schedule in Effect Jan. 10, 1904.

TRAIN 29 Leaves Wilmington 3:10 p. m. arrive Lumberton 5:35 p. m., Pembroke 6:00 p. m. Maxton 6:40 p. m., Hamlet 7:35 p. m. arrive Charlotte 10:45 p. m.

TRAIN 15 Leaves Wilmington 9:00 p. m. arrives Lumberton 9:15 a. m. Pembroke 9:35 a. m. Maxton 4:05 a. m. Hamlet 6:00 a. m.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:01 a. m. Hamlet 8:40 a. m. arrives Maxton 9:25 a. m. Pembroke 10:00 a. m. Lumberton 10:27 a. m. Wilmington 12:45 p. m.

TRAIN 14 Leaves Hamlet 16:45 p. m. arrives Maxton 19:35 a. m. Pembroke 1:20 a. m. Lumberton 2:15 a. m. Wilmington 7:00 a. m.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	7 35 a m	10 15 p m	
Ar Monroe	9 10 a m	11 55 a m	
Ar Charlotte	10 05 a m	.....	
Ar Chester	12 30 a m	1 10 a m	
Ar Greenwood	12 33 p m	3 31 a m	
Ar Athens	3 50 p m	6 55 a m	
Ar Atlanta	7 55 p m	7 00 a m	

SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	7 15 a m	10 10 p m
Ar Columbia	10 30 a m	1 30 a m
Ar Savannah	2 30 p m	4 45 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 00 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Tampa	6 15 a m	6 35 p m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	8 50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m	11 30 a m
Ar Norlina	3 23 a m	1 30 p m
Ar Portsmouth	7 50 a m	5 30 p m
Ar Norfolk		
Lv Hamlet	10 30 p m	7 30 a m
Ar Raleigh	1 15 a m	10 55 a m
Ar Norlina	3 23 a m	1 30 p m
Ar Richmond	6 10 a m	4 05 p m
Ar Washington	9 50 a m	8 36 p m
Ar Baltimore	11 32 p m	11 25 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m	6 00 p m

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SOUTHBOUND.

Lv New York	12 55 p m
Lv Jersey City	1 15 p m
Lv Philadelphia	3 25 p m
Lv Baltimore	5 45 p m
Lv Washington	7 00 p m
Lv Richmond	10 25 p m
Ar Raleigh (Johnson St.)	2 10 a m
Ar Southern Pines	3 54 a m
Lv Hamlet	4 50 a m
Ar Camden	6 35 a m
Ar Columbia (S. C. Ry.)	7 34 a m
Lv Columbia (G. C. Ry.)	4 50 a m
Ar Savannah	9 45 a m
Ar Thalmann	11 44 a m
Ar Jacksonville	3 30 p m
Lv Jacksonville	1 30 p m
Ar St. Augustine	2 30 p m

NORTHBOUND.

Lv St. Augustine	12 10 p m
Ar Jacksonville	1 10 p m
Lv Jacksonville	4 20 p m
Lv Thalmann	3 07 p m
Ar Savannah	6 00 p m
Ar Columbia (G. C. Ry.)	2 30 p m
Lv Columbia (S. C. Ry.)	9 25 p m
Ar Camden	10 14 p m
Ar Wamiet	11 40 p m
Ar Southern Pines	12 45 p m
Lv Raleigh	3 40 p m
Ar Richmond	6 45 a m
Ar Washington	10 10 a m
Ar Baltimore	11 32 a m
Ar Philadelphia	1 45 p m
Ar Jersey City	3 55 p m
Ar New York	4 15 p m

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dec 27 1m MARY McL. HARRISS.

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING. FEB. 11.

IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

Senator Daniel Spoke in Opposition to Ratification of Panama Treaty—St Louis Loan in the House.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The major portion of the time of the Senate in open session to-day was devoted to a speech by Mr. McCumber on the Panama canal question. He supported the canal treaty and justified all the acts of the administration in connection with the recent revolt. A number of private pension bills were passed.

In the executive session of the Senate to-day Senator Daniel spoke in opposition to the ratification of the Panama canal treaty. He was answered briefly by Senators Fairbanks and Spooner. Senator Daniel's remarks were on the highest plane. He did not criticise the administration for anything which had transpired on the isthmus but did advise that the government accept the Nicaraguan route as the only one for which title can be secured without national dishonor. He was congratulated warmly by senators on both sides of the chamber for the character of his speech.

The question of having printed for the benefit of the Senate the speeches which are made on the canal question in executive session was decided in the negative.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day disposed of the Connell Howell contest election case from the Tenth Pennsylvania district, the decision being in favor of Mr. Connell. The Republicans, with the exception of Messrs. Lanning, of New Jersey, Shiras, of Pennsylvania, and Parker, of New Jersey, supported the resolution unseating Mr. Howell, the sitting member, and giving the seat to the contestant. The Democrats solidly supported Mr. Howell.

The House then resumed consideration of the Senate amendments proposing a loan of $4,000,000 to the St. Louis exposition, upon which a vote on the question of concurrence will be taken to-morrow. Further opposition to the proposition developed in the debate to-day.

A GREAT FIRE IN OSWEGO.

Starch Factory of the Corn Products Company Destroyed—Firemen Injured. Loss Estimated at $1,000,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Feb. 10.—The huge starch factory of the Corn Products Company, consisting of three great buildings, forming the largest establishment of the kind in the world, is threatened by total destruction by fire which started this afternoon in the chemical room. One of the buildings has been destroyed and late to-night the second building was ablaze and the fire entirely beyond control. It is feared that the flames will spread to the Columbia flouring mills and Kingsford's office and malt house. After the fire department and the volunteer department of Kingsford mills had tried in vain to cope with the flames, Mayor Mansfield telegraphed for aid to Fulton and Syracuse. From the latter city three engines and twenty-five men were dispatched and joined their efforts to those of the local department.

Firemen Douherty and Evans have been injured, the former fatally, by a fall from a roof. Twenty-five men at work in the buildings where the fire started barely escaped. The burning buildings contain many hundreds of thousands of bushels of starch and corn. It is believed that the loss will reach a million dollars. Six hundred employes are thrown out of work.

DOMINICAN AFFAIRS.

Special Instructions Cabled Admiral Wise to Protect American Interests.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 11.—Specific instructions have been cabled Rear Admiral Wise, commanding the training squadron in Dominican waters regarding the protection of American shipping interests. The firing on lighters attempting to land part of the cargo of the Clyde Line steamer New York by a government gunboat, has aroused indignation in official circles here and it was said at the Navy Department that the probable course of action after such an outrage would be the seizure of the government gunboat by Rear Admiral Wise, in which event it probably would be carried to Guantanamo.

BANK FAILURE.

Equitable National, of New York—Its Business Was Small

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The Equitable National Bank of New York was closed to-day by direction of the comptroller of the currency and National Bank Examiner Edward Ridgeley has been appointed receiver.

The failure of this bank is due to bad loans and injudicious management. The volume of business done by this bank has always been small, and has decreased so greatly in the last few weeks that its failure is almost without significance.

Senator Hanna's condition remains practically unchanged. The physicians say that no complications have developed. It is this feature of the case that the physicians are guarding zealously against, as they realize that if any complications develop in the Senator's distressingly weak condition the result might be fatal quickly.

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway, almost ending fatally, started a horrible ulcer on the leg of J. B. Orner, of Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all remedies. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally as good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions and Piles. Only 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

RUSSIA SUSTAINS HEAVY LOSSES.

Ten of Her Warships Placed Out of Action in First 24 Hours of War With Japan.

OTHER VESSELS CAPTURED.

Japanese Fleet Again Bombarded Russian Fleet and Forts at Port Arthur—Captured Three Russian Transports With Troops.

By Cable to the Morning Star

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister here, has received official confirmation from Tokio of the destruction at Chemulpo of the Russian first class cruiser Varigi and the third class cruiser Koriets.

The text of the official dispatch received by Baron Hayashi is as follows:

"On Monday a Japanese squadron escorting transports met on the way to Chemulpo, Corea, the Russian gunboat Koriets, as the latter was coming out of port. The Koriets took up an offensive attitude towards the Japanese vessels and fired on the Japanese torpedo boats. The latter discharged two torpedoes ineffectively and then the Koriets returned to her anchorage in the port.

"Early in the morning of Tuesday, Admiral Urik, commanding the Japanese squadron, formally called on the Russian warships to leave Chemulpo before noon. The admiral added that if his demand was not complied with he would be compelled to attack them in the harbor. The two Russian war ships left the port at about 11:30 A. M. and a battle ensued outside the Polynesian islands. After about an hour's engagement the Russian warships sought refuge among the islands. Towards the evening the Russian cruiser Varigi sank and at about 4 A. M. today (Feb. 10,) the Koriets was reported to have also sunk, having been blown up. The officers and the men of the two sunken vessels sought refuge on the French cruiser Pascal. There were no casualties on the Japanese side."

A summary of losses sustained by Russia in the first twenty-four hours of the war with Japan shows that ten Russian warships were placed out of action in one way or another and that the Japanese did not lose a ship. The losses were as follows:

Battleship Retvizan, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

Battleship Cesarevitch, torpedoed and beached at Port Arthur.

Battleship Poltava, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

Armored cruiser Boyarin, disabled by Japanese fire, at Port Arthur.

Cruiser Pallada, torpedoed at Port Arthur and beached.

Cruiser Fovik, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

Cruiser Askold, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

Cruiser Diana, hole below water line, at Port Arthur.

First class armored cruiser Varigi, destroyed at Chemulpo, Corea.

Torpedo gun vessel Koriets, destroyed at Chemulpo.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Dispatches to the "Daily Mail" from Tokio and Nagasaki, dated Feb. 10th, report the arrival at Sasebo, Japan, of two large Russian steamers. One is the new volunteer fleet association transport Ekaterinoslaw, which recently landed troops and arms at Port Arthur, and the other is the steamer Argun, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway Company. Both were captured by the Japanese cruisers Sai Yan and Hei Yan, in the neighborhood of Fusan, Corea. The Ekaterinoslav is of 10,000 tons displacement and had been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser. She had thirty rifles on board and was on her way from Vladivostock. The Argun was going to Vladivostock from Nagasaki.

The Russian whalers Glorige, Nicolai, Alexander and Michael, captured by the Japanese, have also arrived at Sasebo.

Bridges Blown Up.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Shanghai correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says an important bridge on the Manchurian railroad has been blown up and thirty men have been killed.

Transports and Troops Captured.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—A special dispatch from Tokio to-day says the Japanese have captured three Russian transports, having on board about 2,000 troops.

A dispatch to the "Central News" from Port Arthur says the Japanese fleet returned there Tuesday afternoon and again bombarded the Russian fleet and forts, but that it soon withdrew. The losses to the Russians, the dispatch says, were small. During the firing a Japanese cruiser grounded.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 10.—The Russian gunboat Mandjur, reported from various sources to be under repairs at Nagaska, Japan, where she is said to have been seized by the Japanese, is in the harbor here. She has had her hull and funnel repainted black and is ready for sea at a moment's notice.

Czar's Supreme Manifest.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—The "Official Messenger" to-day contains the following "Supreme Manifest."

"In our solicitude for the maintenance of peace, which is dear to our heart, we made every exertion to consolidate tranquility in the Far East. In these peaceful aims we signified assent to the proposals of the Japanese government to revise agreements regarding Corean affairs existing between the two governments. However, the negotiations begun upon this subject were not brought to a conclusion, and Japan, without awaiting the receipt of the last responsive proposals of our government, declared the negotiations broken off and diplomatic relations with Russia dissolved.

"Without advising us of the fact that the breach of such relations would in itself mean opening of warlike operations, the Japanese government gave orders to its torpedo boats to suddenly attack our squadron standing in the outer harbor of the fortress of Port Arthur. Upon receiving reports from the viceroy in the Far East about this, we immediately commanded him to answer the Japanese challenge with armed force.

"Making known this our decision, we, with unshaken faith in the help of the Almighty and with a firm expectation of and reliance upon the unanimous willingness of all our loyal subjects to stand with us in defence of the Fatherland, ask God's blessing upon our stalwart land and naval forces."

Russian Reports.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—Some of the newspapers here printed extras today claiming a Russian victory at Port Arthur. Three Japanese warships and four torpedo boats are reported to have been seriously crippled. One report says the Japanese battleship Shikishima was sunk. The people began demonstrating, but there is no official confirmation of the report and the announcement is discredited.

VLADIVOSTOCK, Feb. 10.—Private telegrams received here report the complete rout of the Japanese by the Russians on the Yalu river. These advices also claim that Chemulpo, Corea, has been occupied by Russian soldiers and marines.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—Viceroy Alexieff began to-day the mobilization of the army reserves in Eastern Asia.

The publication of extra editions of the newspapers containing accounts of the reported injuries to the Japanese ships during the Port Arthur engagements and the sinking of the Japanese battleship Shikishima led to a demand upon the editors for the source of their information. They replied, "It came from the British embassy." These reports were received everywhere with manifestations of joy, but nothing confirming them has come from Viceroy Alexieff.

At Port Arthur.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—In a dispatch from Che Foo, dated February 10th, a correspondent of the "Daily Mail" says:

"A northeast gale which is raging here bodes no good to the crippled Russian ships.

"Complete demoralization reigns at Port Arthur.

"Advices received here from Kwang-Ting, Manchuria, say that 10,000 armed Chinese, unofficially recognized as government troops, are operating in the district and are expected to attack the railroad guards when they hear of the Russian disaster."

Declarations of War.

WASHINGTON, Feb 10.—Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, called on Secretary Hay to-day and left with him the announcement of the Czar declaring war on Japan. It was a dispatch from the Foreign Office to the ambassador and was substantially as follows:

"During the night of Feb. 8 9, a detachment of Japanese torpedo boats unexpectedly attacked the Russian squadron lying at anchor in the outer roadstead of Port Arthur. This attack being the beginning of military operations, obliges the imperial government to take immediate measures to reply by armed force to the challenge issued against Russia. Be good enough to inform the government of the United States."

The United States legation at Tokio made two reports to day to the state department upon the battles. They related to engagements at Port Arthur and Chemulpo and added nothing to the facts already known.

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—A formal declaration of war is expected to-night. The proclamation has been prepared and approved by the cabinet. Foreign Minister Komura has gone to the palace to secure the Emperor's approval.

Japan Seized Masampho.

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—Japan seized Masampho Sunday and dispatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there.

Masampho is an exceedingly important point, as it controls the Corean channel and is an excellent base for future operations.

Vessels Captured.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—A cablegram to the Associated Press from Nagasaki states that the Russian cruiser Varlag, which was reported to have been sunk yesterday at Chemulpo by the Japanese fleet, was captured and had arrived at Sasebo. The dispatch also states in addition to the Russian vessels damaged in the torpedo attack at Port Arthur, seven other vessels were captured. It is also reported at Nagasaki that Gen. Kuropatkin has arrived at Harbin to take command of the Russian land forces.

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—The Japanese have captured at least five Russian commercial steamers including the Ekaterinoslav, Moukden, Russia, Argun and Alexander. They were captured by the Japanese in Corean and adjacent waters at various times since Saturday by small cruisers. Some of the steamers are rich prizes. The small steamer Koelk is detained at Yokohama, its status not being clear.

Troops at Seoul.

LONDON, February 11.—Special dispatches from Tokio this morning announce the arrival of Japanese troops at Seoul, but beyond this the dispatches published in the newspapers here this morning add practically nothing to the knowledge of the actual situation.

The Che Foo correspondent of the "Daily Express" asserts that the Russian cruiser Diana was injured by a shot from the Russian shore battery at Port Arthur and that the cruiser Novik and the battleship Poltava have also been beached at Port Arthur.

Naval Movements.

CHEE FOO, Wednesday, Feb. 10.—Upon the withdrawal of the Japanese minister from St. Petersburg, the Japanese fleet and transports proceeded to Massampho, which was occupied, and the fleet then sailed for Port Arthur. The rest of the Japanese ships are guarding Northern Japan, fearing that Russia might land a force from Vladivostock, and for the further purpose of preventing four Russian cruisers from joining the Russian fleet at Port Arthur. Other Japanese war vessels are cruising to intercept Russian vessels coming from Singapore. The Russian battleships damaged at Port Arthur are the Perseviet, Czarevitch and Retvizen. The cruiser Royarin was beached when the tide was falling and has not been floated and will be damaged, as a northeast gale was blowing to-day. The Japanese fleet has probably retired to Masampho and it is not known whether there was another attack on Tuesday night.

General Tchichikoff took command of the Russian troops in Manchuria to-day.

RAILROAD LITIGATION IN RALEIGH.

Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, of Dunn, N. C., Closes Its Doors—Assets, Etc.

[Special Star Telegram.]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.—Judge Purnell, in the Federal Court, made an order to-day concerning the restraining order of the Southern railroad against the Corporation Commission and the Greensboro Ice & Coal Co., referring the matter to the standing master in chancery. An agreement is pending for this to be the final argument and for an agreed statement of facts.

The Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, of Dunn, closed its doors to-day, being unable to meet demands of its depositors. The Corporation Commission has sent Bank Examiner Ellington to take charge, pending the appointment of a receiver. E. F. Young is president and V. L. Stevens cashier. The last printed report showed $80,000 deposits, $114,000 resources and capital $22,000. The Commission makes a statement that it believes depositors will be paid in full.

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SITUATION IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE

Business Men Aroused to Importance of Keeping Their Trade from Slipping Away.

IMPORTANT ACTION TAKEN.

Insurance Companies Co-operating With Bank People to Relieve Financial Situation—Federal Troops to Replace the State Militia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 10.—The situation in stricken Baltimore began to visibly clear to-day after a conference at the Belvidere hotel between Mayor McLane, a special joint committee of the Legislature and a formidable delegation of representative business men.

This conference was arranged with a view of meeting in a practical way the awful exigency which this community now faces. The supreme question to be decided was that of calling upon the national government for soldiers to take the places of the two State militia regiments now doing police duty in the burned district. The constitution of Maryland requires that no such request can be made of the President except by authority of the State Legislature. The legislative committee was present to hear the views of the mayor and officers of the city on that point. On this score it was shown that the State militiamen were already much exhausted by their long continued sentry duty; that they should be relieved in order that they might return to their several vocations, and that the militia on active duty is costing the State $50,000 a day.

Mayor McLane was particularly insistant that to efficiently guard the hundreds of millions of treasure that lie buried beneath the smouldering ruins called for the strong arm of the Federal soldiers. The announcement of the Legislative committee that it would recommend at once the passage of the necessary resolution was received with pleasure by the officers and business men present, and now that the Legislature has formally acted, there is every assurance that a national cordon around the devastated region will inspire a feeling of hopeful confidence in the future.

Mr. McLane's announcement that he will appoint an emergent committee of citizens to act as an advisory board of municipal officials is a great step forward in the way of putting the situation upon a practical business-like shape.

There is no doubt that within the past twenty-four hours the business men of Baltimore have been aroused in an extraordinary degree to the importance of doing everything possible to keep their trade advantages from slipping away. Merchants and bankers have been conferring to-day on this subject and the prevailing conviction is that it will require the utmost vigilance to prevent the deflection of a considerable volume of commerce to Philadelphia and New York. It is believed here that the situation may be saved if the debris can be cleared away and temporary buildings erected within four months. That a large per centage of the Spring trade will be lost is inevitable, but there is a set resolution among wholesale merchants that the per centage shall be as small as possible.

The opening to-day of the board room by the Chamber of Commerce and the receipt of quotations, the uninterrupted shipments of grain cargoes, the notification of some of the large insurance companies of their readiness to pay fifty per cent. on losses, and the action of the Legislature in asking for Federal troops, constitute a chain of incidents which have contributed materially to the restoration of public confidence and cheerfulness.

Financial institutions are to-day busily engaged in carting their securities and funds to temporary offices outside the confines of the burned district. By 8 o'clock express wagons and other available conveyances were backed up to banks and trust company buildings preparatory to removing all books, papers, funds, etc. The vault of the First National bank was opened and it was found that all of the securities and moneys of the bank were as safe as on the day they were placed in the vault. They were removed to the American National bank building on Gay street where temporary offices will be opened.

A number of large vaults and safes were opened to-day and in each of them the contents were found to be in good condition. Four hundred thousand dollars in coin and legal tender notes was taken from the vaults of the Third National bank and sent to the vaults of a bank outside the fire district. A heavy guard of soldiers accompanied the money.

The bankers of the city are doing their best to help the financial situation, some of the burned out banking houses resuming business in a small way at their temporary quarters. Most of the checks for small amounts presented to-day were cashed, but those for large sums were not paid in full.

Telegrams, letters and resolutions offering aid or sympathy were still being received at the mayor's office. Among them was a cablegram from Liverpool announcing that at a representative meeting of the tradesmen of that city a resolution was unanimously passed tendering the sympathy of that city to the citizens of Baltimore.

The insurance underwriters put in a very busy day, perfecting their organization and preparing to get at the work of adjusting the losses. About a dozen "loss committees" were appointed and to-morrow these will get to work adjusting the insurance.

The insurance companies are also co operating with the bank people in their efforts to relieve the financial situation. The largest companies and some of the smaller ones, too, have decided to immediately pay fifty per cent. of the amount of the claims presented to them where the loss was total or nearly so, leaving the remainder to be paid after the insurance has been finally adjusted. A few small claims were paid by some companies to-day.

Insurance men seen to-day as a rule stick to the estimates made yesterday on insurance losses. There is still a wide difference of opinion among them. A minority express the belief that when all the adjustments have been made, the insurance companies will not have to pay more than $60,000,000, while others think that $100,000,000 will not more than cover the insurance. Between $80,000,000 and $90,000,000, however, is the prevailing estimate.

Firemen Alarmed.

The local firemen were considerably alarmed about 1:30 P. M. to-day, when in responding to an alarm from the residential section they saw fire issuing from the roof of the home of the late John E. Hurst, on Cathedral street. The disaster of February 7th started in the business house of John E. Hurst. The fire proved to be the burning of soot in a chimney and was extinguished before damage was done.

The police to-night captured John Butts and George Cave, of Philadelphia. Butts is alleged to have sandbagged a bank runner in Philadelphia in 1898 and is also said to have had experiences in Washington.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Feb. 9.—The General Assembly to-night passed the joint resolution asking the President to send Federal troops to Baltimore. It is understood that Governor Warfield will ask the President for 1,000 soldiers. An enabling act empowering the city of Baltimore to borrow $2,000,000 was also passed.

TO LOCALIZE THE WAR.

Favorable Replies Received in Washington from European Powers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Having received enough favorable replies to insure the concurrent action of European powers in the endeavor "to localize within as small an area as possible the hostilities in the Far East, and to insure to China as much as possible her neutrality," Secretary Hay to-night addressed notes to Russia and Japan inviting their co-operation in this endeavor and announcing that the United States stood stalwartly for this principle. It was known in advance that both the combatant powers desire the localization of the war.

PERCY JONES MURDER.

Case Against Men Under Indictment Settled by Agreement.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.—The case of the State against the men Rich, Whitley, Ward, Pittman, Allen and Bass, under indictment for the killing of Percy Jones in Wilson last May, has been settled by agreement, by which the men are to plead guilty to manslaughter and to each serve a term in the State's prison to be fixed later. Lawrence Morgan, also indicted for the killing of Jones, is at large, a reward of $200 being offered for his capture.

WARM WIRELETS.

President Roosevelt has decided to issue a proclamation of neutrality. It probably will make its appearance to-day.

The British steamer Daventry, Capt. Dunbar, from Savannah, while entering port at Havre, collided with a pier and had her bows damaged.

C. F. Dodge, released on $10,000 bail to appear before the Federal Court of Appeals in New Orleans, has left Houston, Tex., and it is believed he has continued his trip to Mexico.

It was announced in the British House of Commons yesterday that a proclamation of neutrality will be drawn up at a special cabinet to-day and that it will be published shortly afterward.

The banking firm of Stephen Luhrman & Son, Bremen, has failed. The assets are estimated at $350,000 and the liabilities at $1,500,000. Besides Bremen, the principal places affected are New York, London and Paris.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company was held yesterday and a resolution was adopted authorizing the directors to issue bonds to the amount of $5,000,000 for various purposes of the company.

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Flag Raising Postponed—On account of bad weather the flag raising and Bible presentation to Masonboro School will be postponed until next week. Date of presentation will be announced in Sunday's papers. JOHN E. WOOD, Secretary. feb 11 1t

Your neighbor has a gas range. Why don't you have one? Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company. feb 11 1t

Wanted—A good Christian home for a bright, healthy and attractive girl, twenty months old. Address Wm. B. Streete, State Superintendent of North Carolina Children's Home Society, city. feb 11 1t

Seed Rice—For sale in lots to suit; 500 bushels Golden Seed Rice, grown on Big Island virgin soil, from Nesbit's best quality of seed. Alex. Sprunt & Son. jan 7 D&w wtw th sat

Wanted—300,000 cross-ties, sap pine, heart pine, oak and cypress. For particulars call at our yard at foot of Church street or write us. Clarkton Cross Tie Company, Wilmington N. C. D & W feb 9 1w

Comfortable accommodations and good board at Virginia House, 118 Market street, over Taylor's Bazaar. $3.50 per week. feb 3 3m

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For Sale—Two turpentine stills in good working condition—one especially good. Cheap for cash. C. W. Worth, receiver. dec 18 tf

For Sale—Finest Berkshires. Three brood sows, two of them bred to farrow in March, two 7 months gilts, two 7 months boars, five sucking boar pigs, two boars 18 months old. Bargains in each lot till January 1st. L. L. Seiler, Wilmington, N. C. dec 6 3 mos.

Wrapping Paper—For sale, several thousand Old Newspapers, all sizes, suitable for wrapping paper, and just the thing to put under carpets and matting. Will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Apply at the STAR office. oct 4 tf

Cabbage, Apples, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Eggs and all kinds of produce at A. S. Winstead's to-day, 218 Market street. Both 'Phones. sep 5 tf

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